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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Benjamin N. Eldridge et al.

Application No.: 10/035,364

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

DETECTING AN ARC CONDITION

Examiner: J. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 2829

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED JULY 30, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action of July 30, 2003 for which a response is due on September 30, 2003, enclosed is a corrected Figure 1 that was been amended to add the words "Prior Art" as required in the official action. The enclosed correction to the drawing does not add new matter.

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Although the Applicants believe no fees are due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (Order No. P170-US).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 30, 2003

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